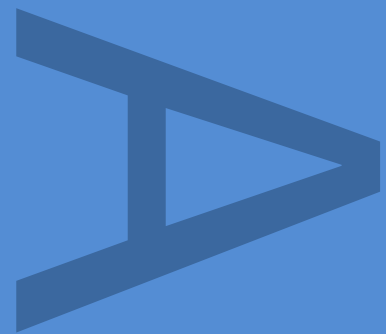


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1 ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by Michael Ashworth to undertake an archaeological watching brief at 7 Lower Newport Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 4QB (NGR 487899 150096). The Site is the subject of a development to replace a swimming pool with a new outbuilding. This document provides a report on the watching brief, which was carried out on the 12th and 13th of October 2015.

The watching brief demonstrated that the proposed new footprint lies in modern fill on the site of a former swimming pool. No archaeological deposits or finds were observed. The Site appears to retain no archaeological resource potential.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

- 2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Michael Ashworth to undertake an archaeological watching brief at 7 Lower Newport Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 4QB (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a development to replace a swimming pool with a new outbuilding. This document provides a report on the watching brief, which was carried out on the 12th and 13th of October 2015.
- 2.1.2 The watching brief was a requirement of Condition 5 of planning permission for the development granted by the Local Planning Authority Rushmoor Borough Council (Planning reference 13/00360/FUL) in July 2013 and was based on the advice of the Council's archaeological advisor Hannah Fluck, Senior Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council.
- 2.1.3 This document provides a report on the watching brief, which comprised the monitoring of groundwork for the proposed development. This included initial clearance of the existing swimming pool, new foundation trenches, and the laying of services.
- 2.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (ClfA 2014) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (Historic England 2015).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.2.1 The Site (NGR 487899 150096) is located to the north of Lower Newport Road, Aldershot and comprises a house and garden within a roughly square plot.
- 2.2.2 The Site lies on the eastern side of the 19th century new town of Aldershot, which developed around two military camps. The Site lies in a residential area c. 300m west of the Blackwater River. The Site lies at approximately 70m above Ordnance Datum.
- 2.2.3 The Site lies on superficial deposits of sand and gravel, which overlie outcrops of bedrock London Clay and Reading Beds <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of few archaeological monuments, sites and findspots. This is almost certainly because the development of 19th and 20th century Aldershot took place before systematic archaeological records were compiled. For antecedents of the modern town, historical records and maps suggest the 12th century Church St Michael the Archangel and the later medieval and post-medieval manor that lay 80m north of the Church and now within Aldershot Manor Park, formed a focus of settlement some 750m west of the site.
- 2.3.2 What limited archaeological evidence that has been recorded in Aldershot includes a Mesolithic transept axe, finds of medieval 14th century pottery from Newport Road and the remains of a post-medieval pottery kiln found in Redan Gardens, some 750m west of the site.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

- 3.1.1 The aim of the watching brief was to monitor ground work for the proposed development for the presence of archaeological resources, in particular evidence of pottery manufacture, and, if present, investigate and preserve by record the resources, determining, where possible, their character, including their date, nature and extent.

- 3.1.2 This report aims to provide an account of the watching brief and to be sufficient to demonstrate to the Local Planning Authority that the watching brief was carried out in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The following summary is based on the Site archive, comprising written and photographic records. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **LNRA15** and will ultimately be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust, Winchester. Images of the watching brief are provided in **Appendix 1 – Plates 1-3**.

- 4.1.2 The watching brief was carried out on the 12th and 13th of October 2015.

4.2 Observation

- 4.2.1 The watching brief monitored the hand excavation of the foundation trench for the proposed new building (**Figure 2**). The depth of the foundation trench ranged from .65m to 1.05m below the existing garden surface.

- 4.2.2 The foundation trench was formed entirely within garden soil, which contained layers of reddish or yellowish sandy deposits. The observed deposits can be attributed to infill of the former swimming pool that was previously located on the proposed new footprint. The observed deposits were all of modern date, as shown by the presence of modern ceramics and brick rubble. All finds were discarded.

4.3 Conclusion

- 4.3.1 The watching brief demonstrated that the proposed new footprint lies in modern fill on the site of a former swimming pool. No archaeological deposits or finds were observed. The Site appears to retain no archaeological resource potential.

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Pre-Construct Archaeology would like to thank Mr. Michael Ashworth for commissioning the watching brief.

The watching brief was conducted by Steven Hubbard, who also prepared this report. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1: General view to the north-east.



Plate 2: Section of foundation trench, view to south-west.



Plate 3: Section of foundation trench, view to north-east.

APPENDIX 2: OASIS RECORD

OASIS ID: preconst1-245129

Project details

Project name	7 Lower Newport Road Aldershot Hampshire
Short description of the project	Watching brief on new foundations in rear garden of single house. Site in the vicinity of documented post-medieval potteries but no evidence for pottery manufacture, or anything else, was found in the watching brief.
Project dates	Start: 12-10-2015 End: 13-10-2015
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	13/00360/FUL - Planning Application No.
Any associated project reference codes	LNRA15 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Monument type	NONE None
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	Planning condition
Project location	
Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE RUSHMOOR ALDERSHOT 7 Lower Newport Lane
Postcode	GU12 4QB
Study area	100 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 487899 150096 50.9319203546 -1.305631533494 50 55 54 N 001 18 20 W Point
Lat/Long Datum	Unknown
Height OD / Depth	Min: 70m Max: 70m
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Name of Organisation	PCA West
Project brief	Hampshire County Council

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Project archives

Physical Archive
Exists? No

Digital Archive
recipient Hampshire Cultural Trust

Digital Media
available "Images raster / digital photography", "Text"

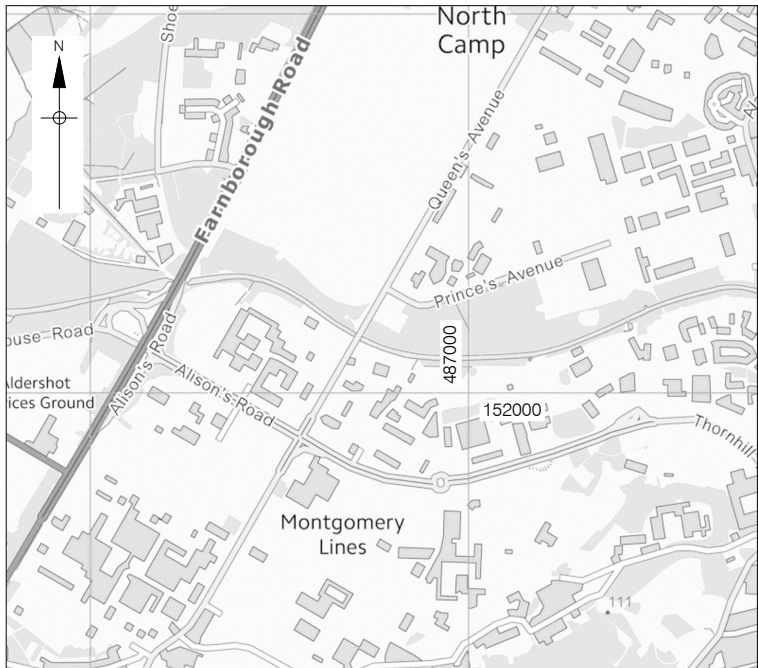
Paper Archive
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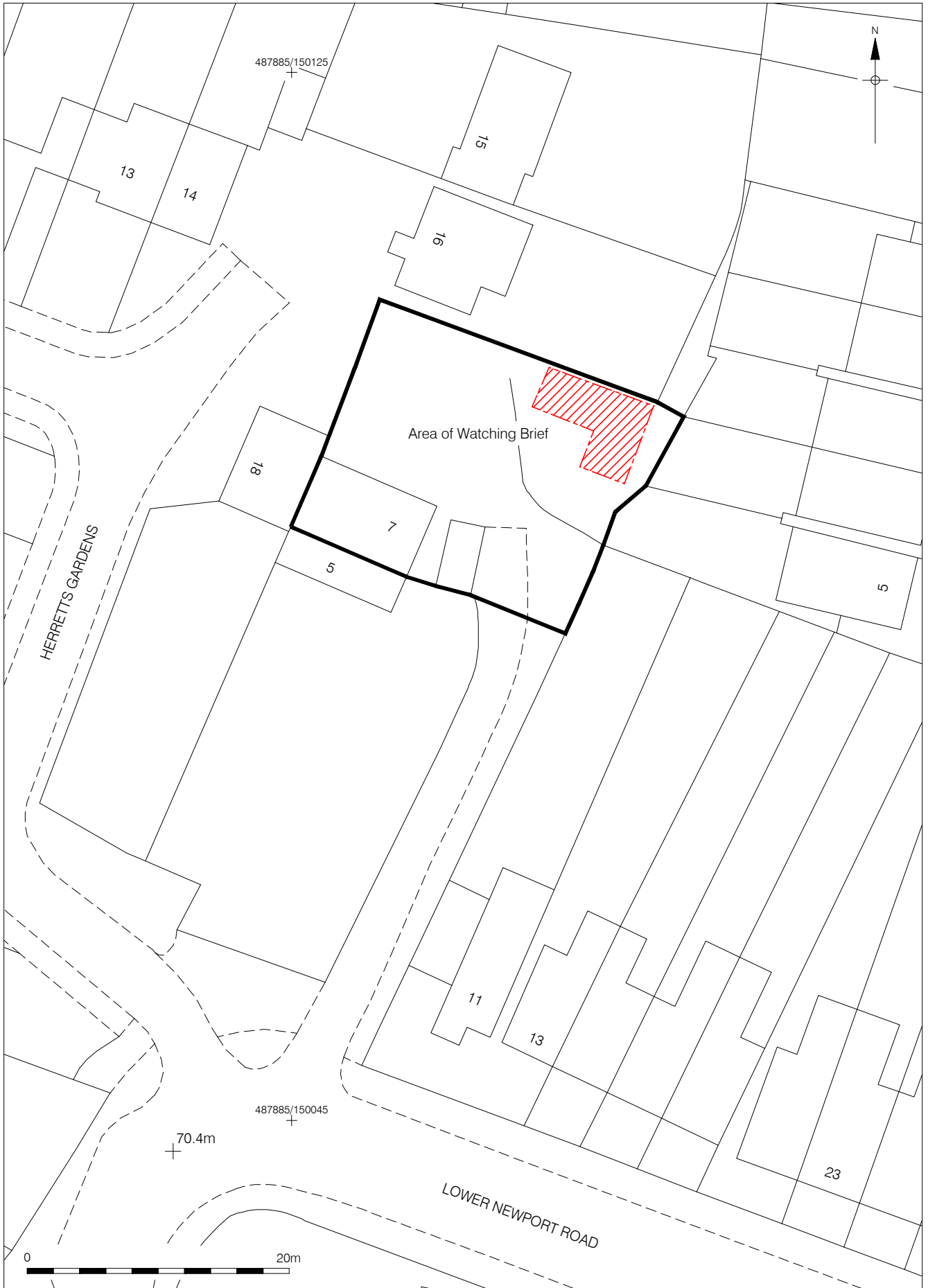
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Figure 1
 Site Location
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